

**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA**

November 17, 2021

4:30 P.M. – Virtual Meeting

Online link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/87513132727>

Meeting ID: 875 1313 2727

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2021
- III. Communications from Commission
- IV. Public Comment*
- V. Reports from Staff
 - A. 2022 Meeting Schedule
- VI. Old Business*
 - A. TC-21-06 Resolution 21-01 (Commission Member Alexander)
 - B. TC-21-08 District Representation on Commission (Commission Member Etter)
- VII. New Business*
 - A. TC-21-09 Parking Change on Lincoln between 3rd Street and Smith Ave (staff)
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries
- IX. Adjournment

Next meeting – January 26, 2022 (subject to change depending on a meeting room conflict)

**Action Requested/Public comment prior to any vote (limited to five minutes per speaker)*

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**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

October 27, 2021

4:30 P.M. – Virtual Meeting

Online link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/82734205979>

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- I. Call to Order – 4:33pm by Ryne Shadday**
Members present: Greg Alexander, Andrew Cibor, Chris Etter, David Hoff, Sgt. Dustin Kruse (present no video or audio capabilities), Malik McCluskey, Sarah Ryterband, Ryne Shadday
Staff present: Beth Rosenbarger, Ryan Clemens (BMCMPPO)
- II. Approval of Minutes – September 22, 2021**
Ryterband: move approval of the minutes; Hoff seconded.
Yay: Alexander, Cibor, Etter, Hoff, McCluskey, Ryterband, Shadday
Abstain: Kruse because his audio and video didn't work.
Minutes approved 7-0-1
- III. Communications from Commission – Ryterband noted she has to leave at 5:30pm; no other comments.**
- IV. Public Comment* - none**
- V. Reports from Staff**
A. BMCMPPO Crash Report (Ryan Clemens)
Ryan Clemens presented some summary crash data charts from the MPO crash report and compiled crash data.
What are there more crashes in the evening commute times compared with the morning commute times?
Is there a chart to address different times of year? To see if weather impacts when there are more crashes during winter because it gets darker faster?
-Sgt. Dustin Kruse had to leave the meeting at 4:54pm-
Shadday requested that Clemens return to the next meeting in order to discuss more.
- VI. Old Business***
A. TC-21-06 Resolution 21-01 (Commission Member Alexander)
Greg Alexander presented the draft resolution. Commission members discussed modifying some language in the resolution.
The resolution was discussed. It was decided to table the resolution and discuss at the next regular meeting.

- Sarah Ryterband had to leave the meeting at about 5:30pm -

VII. New Business*

A. TC-21-08 District Representation on Commission (Commission Member Etter)

Commission member Etter shared that he's been thinking about where people live, and wanting to be sure the commission has representation from across the city and from the various council districts.

It was decided to first take stock of where people on the commission live and which districts are currently represented.

VIII. Traffic Inquiries

Andrew Cibor reported on progress on construction of the 7-Line.

Greg Alexander asked about progress on sidewalk maintenance and clearing brush/trees/obstacles on sidewalks.

Beth brought back up the resolutions from earlier.

IX. Adjournment: Chris Etter motioned to adjourn at about 5:50pm.

Next meeting – November 17, 2021

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City of Bloomington
Planning and Transportation Department

Traffic Commission NOTICE

2022 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings generally occur on the 4th Wednesday of each month, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers at Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404 - unless otherwise noted below.

- January 26, 2022
- February 23, 2022
- March 23, 2022
- April 27, 2022
- May 25, 2022
- June 22, 2022
- July: no meeting
- August 24, 2022
- September 28, 2022
- October 26, 2022
- November 16, 2022*
- December: no meeting

*Meeting is on a different Wednesday due to proximity to holiday.

RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR ENGINEERING REPORTS ON TRAFFIC FATALITIES

WHEREAS, drivers killed two residents who were correctly using pedestrian infrastructure on 3rd Street downtown in 2020.

WHEREAS, road fatalities among all transportation modes concentrate on roads and intersections with specific, known engineering features such as a large number of lanes or large radius turns.

WHEREAS, infrastructure design is a significant determining factor in collision frequency and severity.

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's 2018 Comprehensive Plan recommends that the city work to achieve zero transportation fatalities by viewing crashes as a preventable result of past decisions (pg 69, pg 122).

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's 2018 Comprehensive Plan contains Policy 6.1.7: Prioritize safety and accessibility over capacity in transportation planning, design, construction, and maintenance decisions (pg 74).

WHEREAS, the city's Engineering Department has unique expertise at evaluating the role that infrastructure design plays in crashes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, THAT:

Whenever a public roadway user is killed as a result of a collision on a city-maintained road, the Director of the Engineering Department must, within 90 days, present to the city's Common Council in open session a summary of the infrastructure design attributes that contributed to the crash, what steps might reduce the likelihood of such an incident in the future, and an estimate of the resources needed to take those steps.

2.12.070 Traffic commission.

- (1) Purpose—Duties. It shall be the duty of the commission, and to this end it shall have the authority within the limits of the funds at its disposal, to coordinate traffic activities, to carry on educational activities in traffic matters, to supervise the preparation and publication of traffic reports, to receive complaints having to do with traffic matters, and to recommend to the common council and to appropriate city officials ways and means for improving traffic conditions and the administration and enforcement of traffic regulations.
- (2) Appointments. The commission shall consist of the following nine members: a designee of the director of engineering, a designee of the director of public works, a designee of the chief of police and six additional members who shall be appointed by the common council. All terms shall be for two years.
- (3) Qualifications. Each common council appointee shall be a resident of the city with preference being given so that each councilmanic district is represented.
- (4) Meetings. Meetings will be held monthly.
- (5) Procedure. The commission shall establish its own rules of operating procedure which may be amended from time to time by a majority vote.

(Ord. 97-03 § 7, 1997; Ord. 89-14 § 2, 1989; Ord. 87-20 § 3, 1987; Ord. 83-6 § 2 (part), 1983).

(Ord. No. 14-11, §§ 25, 26, 7-2-2014; Ord. No. 21-11, § III, 4-7-2021)



November 5, 2021

Dear Neighbor,

We are reaching out to inform you about upcoming changes to Lincoln Street between Smith Avenue and 3rd Street. As a property owner within this block, we request that you share this information with any tenants on your properties as well. The street parking on Lincoln will be changing in order to improve overall safety on the street and better align the street design with community goals as described in the Comprehensive Plan. The changes are described in more detail below.

Overall, there will still be on-street parking in this block, and the number of spaces will be reduced from 37 public parking spaces to 34 public parking spaces. We recognize that change can be stressful, and want to take time to answer any questions as well as let you know about an upcoming meeting where these changes will be discussed.

Why change the street parking on Lincoln between Smith Avenue and 3rd Street?

As you're aware, Lincoln Street is currently under construction with a City of Bloomington Utilities project. Because the street had to be ripped up in order to work on the hidden river project, it made sense to evaluate the street design before putting it back together. Evaluating the street design led the City Planning and Transportation Department along with the Engineering Department to recommend a few changes to the street. This led to the new design with minimal changes to on-street parking.

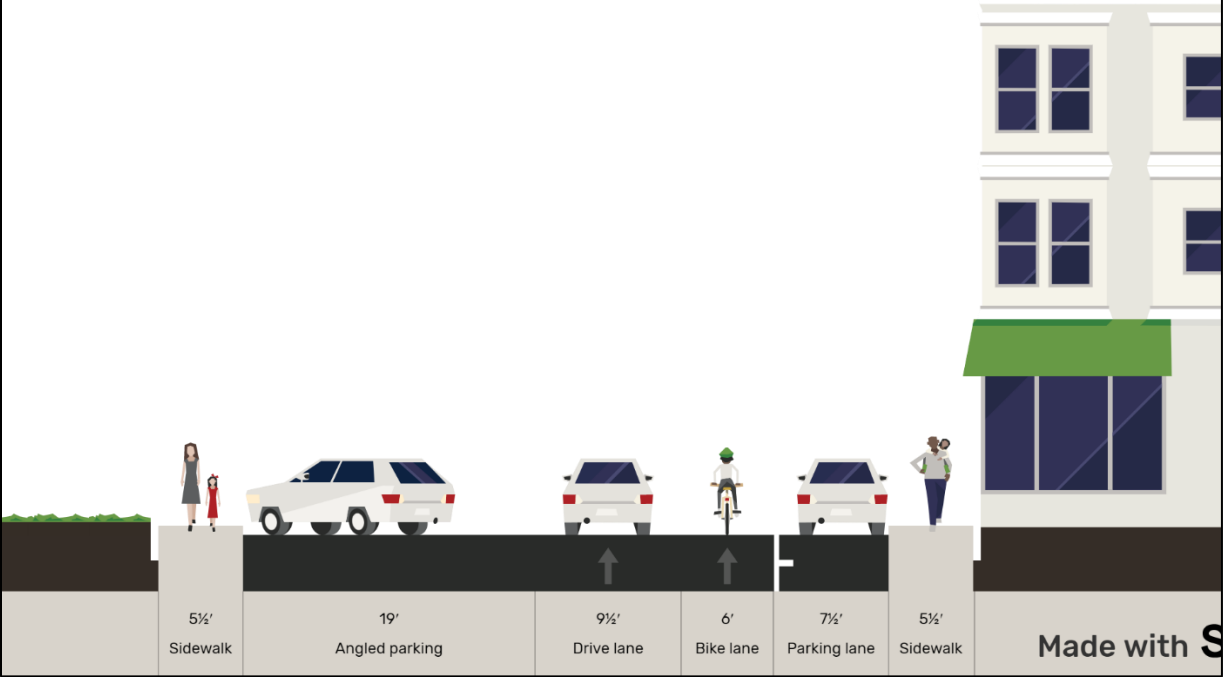
Please see the next two pages for a description of the planned enhancements.

Opportunities to discuss:

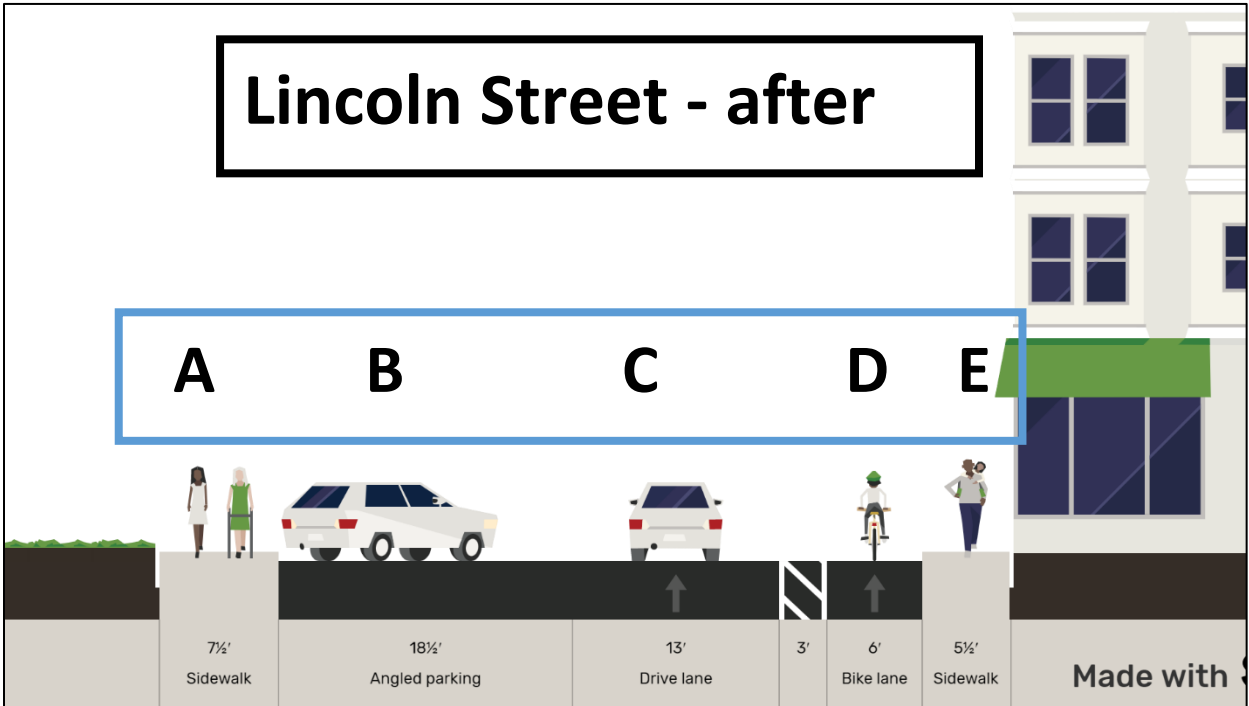
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- Contact me, Beth Rosenbarger, Planning Services Manager for the Planning and Transportation Department at the City of Bloomington. I'm happy to schedule a phone call or a meeting to discuss these changes with you. I can be reached by phone at 812.349.3473 or by email at rosenbab@bloomington.in.gov.



Lincoln - before



Lincoln Street - after





Summary of changes

- Measurements shown are approximate. Measurements can change, but the overall layout will remain the same.
- Overall, there are currently 37 public parking spaces in this block. After the changes, there will be 34 public parking spaces in this block. While this is a reduction in 3 parking spaces, the changes are focused on improving safety for all street users.
- **A:** The sidewalk on the west side of the street, along Waldron Hill Buskirk Park will be slightly wider.
- **B:** Angled parking will change from back-out angled parking to back-in angled parking, also called head-out. To park, drivers back into the space, similar to parallel parking, but much simpler. When leaving, drivers have improved visibility as they pull out into traffic.
- **C:** The car travel lane remains mostly the same although it may be wider.
- **D:** For the portion of the block south of the Boys and Girls Club, there will be no on-street parking on the east side of the street. Near the intersection with 3rd Street, the on-street parallel parking will remain, and it will accommodate at least 4 vehicles. The bicycle lane on the east side of the street will include a buffer between the bicycle lane and motor vehicle traffic. These changes are to reduce the potential for conflicts. Parallel parking next to bicycle lanes poses hazards to bicyclists and drivers. Most commonly, a driver will open their car door into the bicycle lane (called dooring), which can harm or kill the person bicycling and which can harm the driver. Removing most of the parallel parking will reduce the risk of dooring in this block.
- **E:** The sidewalk on the east side of the street will remain the same.

Thank you for your time. Again, you are welcome to contact me to discuss at 812.349.3473.

Thank you,

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